January 6. 1837.

Dear Debora,

I did up a letter to you night before last & sent it yesterday by mail. Caroline had a very good time up to E. G. Loring's but heard no special news. Yesterday morning Maria called here & thought it would be of service for me to go down to West St & dine. I assented & went in a close carriage; had a rather trying afternoon my cough was so bad. I got your letter in the middle of the afternoon, Caroline calling with them. I wish I had just sent off my letter to you, but was not sorry on the whole that I did so, for I have pay Mr Boles sign to preach somewhere on his way home. You must send the N. B petition the next opportunity for it is high time for it to go. I mourned some over your pin, but would not trouble myself about it I do not wonder that Abby Bigood cannot get along very successfully any where, for a person that would pick a petition & then scratch off their name, is much too weak to deserve success. I should admire to tell her so. As it is you may give her my love, for I do love her some though my respect for her is wonderfully small. Last evening Maria wrote to Theodore D. Everett to intreat his presence here on the 25. I am hoping to be able to go out by that time. Before I went to bed I took a good quantity of honey & my cough is rather better to day. I came from Mr Thurston's close shut up again. Emma seems to be getting rather better

Range Ann sister has "The Slave" now, but I shall get it to send to you tomorrow. As to what Hildreth is doing I cannot say. Sarah Ann says she asked him expressly "how he was getting his living" & he told her as expressly that "he would not tell". He is staying at Gloucester now with his married sister with whom his mother lives. I dare say he is writing. I believe that Anthony is having a good police. Stanton's behaviour while in town rather mortified Channing H. At the Fair Mary bought a purse for him, which she deputed Ann to present. She did so & he asked her what the price of it was offering to pay her. When Mary afterwards upbraided him for this, he excused himself that he did not know so late to pay. — I have begun this in order to have a little done before this evening when I will finish it, but as probably I shall have nothing very special to tell you, & as I have just sent you a long letter you will not expect much.

Saturday 7. Dear D. I write a line because such a little bit of a letter ought to be filled up, but I have no news to tell you. I am considerably better, that is, my cough is much lessened. I do not dare however to go out. Sarah Ann came in town this morning. She sends her love. Her foot troubles her somewhat now. I have got the Slave & you will read it I suppose with great gusto. But the Bents up to reading it, but do

not lend it much. Spread the fame of it through New Bedford & make the people buy it, & return it to me the first good chance. Write by mail if you have no other chance for I want to hear every week from you.

Did I mention to you the fears that we entertained or rather they amount to certainty that Marcia is in a family way. It is the Lord's will so we must submit.

ever yrs Anne

Miss Debora Weston.

New Bedford.

Rev Mr Bent.

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